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1-ALKYL-3-THIO-SUBSTITUTED INDOLE-2-ALKYNOIC ACIDS USEFUL FOR THE TREATMENT FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND

**RELATED CONDITIONS** 

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The above-identified case is a PCT application entering the US National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and Article 39(1)(a) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments prior to prosecution of the subject application. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract are reflected on pages 2-3 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 7 of this paper.

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